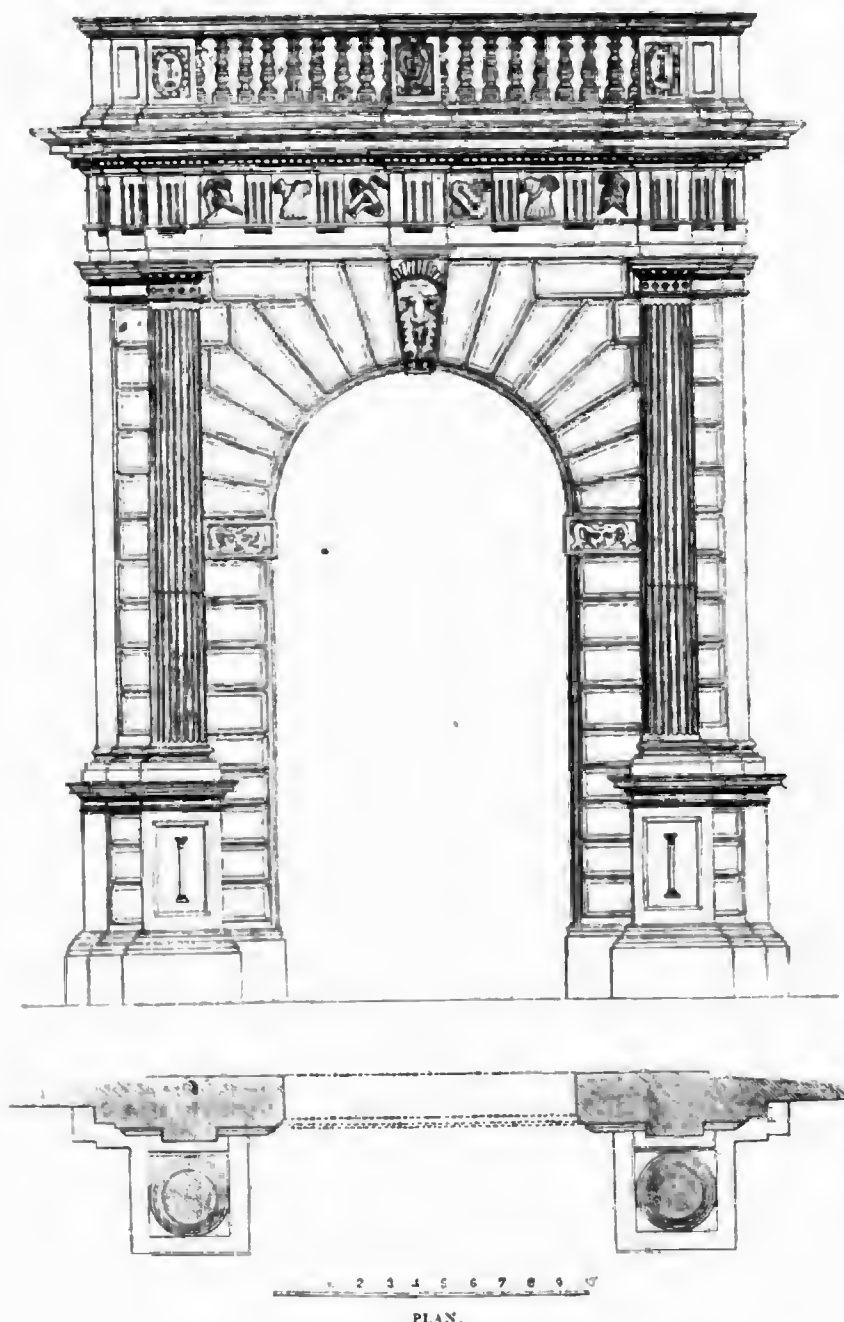


## DORIC PORTAL OF THE PALAZZO, SCIARRA COLONNA, ROME.

[A.D. 1603.]

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THIS fine doorway, which graces the façade of a simple but noble palace on the Corso, has been attributed to Vignola, but is more probably the work of Flaminio Ponzio, who, in 1603, was employed to build the palace. The great projection of the keystone is a peculiar feature, and the management of the triglyphs at the ends of the entablature is worth observation. Quatremaire de Quincy, in his *Histoire des plus célèbres Architectes*, speaks of this doorway as one of the best examples of its class. The whole height is about 34 feet, and the width, from centre to centre of column, is 17 feet. The drawing was made on the spot by Mr. Lockyer.

Amongst the other works of Flaminio Ponzio are the great double staircase of the Quirinal Palace, and the restoration of the Church of St. Sebastian, beyond the walls.

A BLOW AT INTRAMURAL BURIALS.  
WATERFORD—GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE following memorial has been signed by the leading medical men of Waterford:—

We, the undersigned, declare it to be absolutely necessary to the safety of the public, that no more interments should take place in the churchyards of this city. The state of them, and especially the older ones, is at once an outrage on public decency, as well as detrimental to the public health. In the cathedral churchyard, which is altogether uninclosed, and a public thoroughfare, as well as the resort during the night of bad characters, the earth is continually falling into the old graves, leaving passages or vents which lead to the remains deposited below, and serve for the escape of noxious gases; and when the earth is thrown up to form fresh graves, it is found so loaded with animal matter, as to be actually offensive to the nose as well as eyes. In Olive's Churchyard, the bodies have of late years been deposited in tiers, above each other, just under the east window of the church, till they are within less than 3 feet of the surface, and

actually above the level of the ground within one or two yards adjacent; whilst at certain periods, and in certain states of the atmosphere, a putrid smell can be distinctly perceived in the neighbourhood. John's and Patrick's Churchyards are in much the same state; and we therefore submit, that it is the duty of every one, and especially of public bodies, to co-operate for the abatement of a nuisance so dangerous and disgraceful to our city.

In Gloucestershire, also, the medical men are bestirring themselves. Last week Mr. Mackinnon presented a petition to the House of Commons from the president and council of the Gloucestershire Medical and Surgical Association, representing a large body of practitioners. It sets forth,—

That your petitioners are of opinion that the interment of the dead in towns and populous districts is highly injurious to the public health, and that no measure of sanitary reform is complete unless this obnoxious system is at once and for ever abolished by legislative enactment.

That your petitioners cordially support the efforts